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(AP) — Anyone who has ever tried to solve Rubik's Cube or spent far too much time trying to get all the little balls into the hole knows

Wednesday he is changing his mind and no longer is volunteering to be

Cesar Fierro, 30, of Juarez, Mexico, said he recently wrote the U.S. Supreme Court asking that all appeals be dropped and he be given lethal injection Sept. 15.

"I spent two or three days think-

"I spent two or three days think-ing about it," he said in a death row interview Wednesday. "I do want to

appeal now. I was angry because I didn't know anything about any-

slashed his arm. He said part of his anger was because he was unaware he had an execution date and had no

Fierro said he was so angry he

"Later, I started sending out let-

that puzzles can be mesmerizing.
"Puzzles Old and New: Head
Crackers, Patience Provers and
Other Tactile Teasers," an exhibition of mechanical puzzles through the ages, shows that the modern fascination with brain teasers is shared by earlier eras and other cultures. Billed as the first to examine the

history of mechanical puzzles - the kind that require manual dexterity to manipulate and solve — the 800-object exhibit originated at the Craft and Folk Art Museum in Los Angeles when Shanon Emanuelli was curator there. Now it is at the Hudson River Museum in Yonkers, N.Y., through Sept. 27, where Emanuelli is now curator of 20th-century art.

She says this jolly show is serving a dual purpose. Not only does it illustrate the aesthetic value and historic development of puzzles, it also is attracting a new public among families with puzzle-loving children, mathematicians, engineers and computer programmers who seem to enjoy orking with puzzles more than

One element in the attraction is that, far from the usual hands-off museum show, this one includes nine mechanical puzzles which ex- craft, said Tom Schwartz, a spokes-

Documenting the exhibition and offering its own brand of fun is the offering its own brand of fun is the 180-page book "Puzzles Old and New, How to Make and Solve Them" (distributed by the University of Seattle Press). The book was conceived by Jerry Slocum, a Californian and the major lender to the exhibition and Jack Botermans, a puzzle designer from the Netherlands

Slocum, who has what is believed to be the world's largest collection of historical and contemporary mechanical puzzles, also has a library of thousands of books on puzzles.

The two men spent several years developing the classification system for the various types of puzzles

plea for execution HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A Mexi- while his daughter and a brother live

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decides against

Death row inmate

can citizen facing execution within across the border in Juarez two weeks for an El Paso slaying said Fierro was convicted of Fierro was convicted of the Feb. 27, 1979, shooting death of Nicholas Castanon, an El Paso taxi driver. Castanon was shot once behind the right ear with .357-caliber Magnum while driving Fierro from El Paso to Juarez, records show.

The driver's body, dumped in an El Paso park, was minus a watch, wallet and jacket. A written statement from a juvenile who saw the shooting led to Fierro's arrest five months later.

"I didn't do anything," Fierro said Wednesday. "They (police) had two other men. But they had a youngster saying I did it."

At the time of the shooting, he was at his apartment, according to

He is among at least 16 inmates with execution dates pending in Texas, where 25 convicted killers have been put to death since execu-

The state total is the highest in the

### ters asking for a stay of execution," he said. "I started to think about my people." Fierro, who said he was a migrant farm worker who learned to speak English while on death row, said his tions resumed in 1982. father lives and works in El Paso Puzzle enthusiasts can

## 'go to pieces' at show of mechanical teasers

For puzzle fanciers this is an important step, since there has been great confusion about how to describe and separate the many different examples.

For the general public, though, it is the puzzles themselves that provide the interest and fun.

One type which could prove particularly fascinating to those with an interest in decorating are puzzle jugs, pitchers and cups.

### Bomb threat causes plane to land early

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - An American Airlines DC-10 carrying 276 passengers from Dallas to San Francisco was diverted to Stockton Airport Wednesday after a crew member found a handwritten bomb threat, an airline spokesman said.

The pilot diverted Flight 295 to Stockton Metropolitan Airport and landed about 1 p.m. PST, and the FBI detained passengers for questioning and began searching the airhibit goers can solve for themselves man for Fort Worth-based through trial and error.

American Airlines.

No bomb had been found by Wednesday night, and there are no suspects as yet, FBI Special Agent Tom Griffin said in Sacramento.

The flight left Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and was scheduled to arrive at San Francisco International Airport at 12:43 p.m. After the handwritten note was found in one of the bathrooms, the plane was diverted to Stockton, Schwartz said.

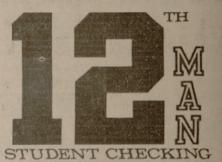
All 276 passengers and 13 crew members were evacuated through emergency exits, Griffin said. One passenger suffered minor carpet burns and another was bruised slightly in the exit, Schwartz said.

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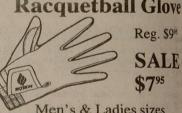
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